



Federal Lands Impacted Schools Association

Education For Children, Fairness for Taxpayers

FLISA Member Meeting Agenda
Hyatt Regency—Clearwater Beach, Florida
Friday, January 31st—9AM Until 4PM (Breakfast on your own)
Longboat Key Room* on the 2nd floor*

I. Welcome Comments and Review of the Mission/Vision of FLISA – Frank Sheboy

- A. Frank reviewed the vision and mission of FLISA

II. Introduction of FLISA Board and Past-Presidents

- A. Introduction of current officers
 - Frank Sheboy (President thru March 2026, Past-Pres thru March 2028),
 - Christine Walker (Vice-President thru March 2026),
 - Jerry Ellender* (Treasurer thru March 2025),
 - i.*Retains Non-Voting Member-at-Large Status after this appointment
 - ii.**Appointed to complete term
 - Stephanie Long** (Secretary thru March 2025),
 - Mark Naugle (Past President thru March, 2026)*
 - Mary Ticknor Advocacy Chairperson (Thru March, 2026)
 - Bob Reichert*** Membership Chairperson (Thru March, 2026)
 - Mark Cross Messaging Chairperson (Thru March, 2026)
 - Non-Voting Members-at-Large—Wes Eversole (Member-at-Large)
 - Non-Voting Members-Bookkeeper—Cathie Peznowski (Past President)

Past-Presidents—Non Voting:

Terry Tamblyn	Tom Madden	Sandy Doebert	Tom Davenport
Tom Schneider	Bob Reichert***	Craig Hutcheson	Mark Naugle
Cathie Peznoski			

III. Introduction by Those in Attendance

- A. *Name, Title, Location and Impacted Land*
 - a) members introduced themselves
 - b) Jayson Schimmenti joined us from NAFIS

IV. FLISA Executive Director's Report – Tom Schneider

- A. *Overview - 16 years on NAFIS board and moving off this spring*
- B. *The culture that is created in our schools with funding*
- C. Tom and Jayson provided update about climate in DC
- D. In groups, read article and identified key concepts related to FLISA priorities
- E. Tom presented a state-of-the-FLISA organization in light of recent governmental developments

Lunch Break

V. Committee Work - Each group spent time working on their agenda items during lunch and in the afternoon

VI. Tom and Jason reviewed the members of the 119th Congress regarding who is/would be favorable to our advocacy agenda

VII. NAFIS Board and NAFIS Update— Craig Hutcheson/Tom Schneider/Jayson Schimmenti

- A. Update on NAFIS Organization/Strategic Planning in San Antonio
 - a. Craig reported that we needed to increase our ask if we are ever going to make funding progress. NAFIS board agreed to ask for \$3.5 or 4.4% total ask to FIA with a total of \$84M for 7002 if FY2025 \$2M is appropriated. Keep us strategically tied to the total pot with little separation between 7002 and 7003
 - b. Worked with Brian Riggs on strategic planning primarily on board and board relations with the NAFIS office to work together. NAFIS office will be staffed every day and staff will be there at least three days a week beginning July 1st.
 - c. Exec. Dir. contract up in June - discuss direction in March
 - d. NAFIS dues structure will change and will mostly impact high dollar districts who are paying same dues as others receiving much less
 - e. Discussed the NAFIS ask for FY26 with a 7002 perspective
 - f. \$15K being awarded via FISEF grants
 - g. Christine Walker being elected to the NAFIS board when Tom shifts off
- B. Jason Schimmenti update:
 - a. Advancing Toward Full Funding negotiations with appropriations to sponsor it. Asking for 25% of unmet need.
 - b. Infrastructure Bill - 7002 could now be included in applying
 - c. NAFIS Leadership Fly-in is now the old FRO. Now also calling our group the the Congressional Impact Aid Caucus to align the with Congressional language and no longer the FIA coalition
 - d. New EO on vouchers directing departments to figure out how to make more money available for charter and private schools.

A. VIII. Approval of minutes from FLISA Fall Meeting—Stephanie Long

B. Posted on the FLISA website and in the agenda packet

VI. Treasurer and Bookkeeper Report—Cathie Peznowski/Jerry Ellender

- A. Approx. 10 new districts this year
- B. \$34K revenue
- C. Expenditures on target with notes to the budget including for Ex. Direct. travel expenses to OASIS, application for 503c status, etc...
- D. Donation to FISEF not included in budget yet - awaiting group vote
- E. Jerry, Cathie, Frank, Tom will serve on February draft budget to present to membership in March

VII. FLISA Leadership Board

- A. Tom discussed adding co-chairs to committees to help with succession planning
- B. Co-chairs will help expand leadership development
- C. Would require a change of by-laws to add co-chairs who would then be voting members. Tom will send proposed by-law change 30 days before voting at March meeting in DC
- D. Additional goal is to encourage younger members
- E. Each committee will recommend names to be voted on by membership

VIII. Dues/Financial Outlook Committee Update—Frank Sheboy

- A. Discussion and proposed development of change in dues structure for March meeting presentation for voting on in June:
 - In light of budget, dues need to increase to keep us financially stable. No increase in dues since we started collecting them.
 - Expenses have increased and revenues have held flat
 - We are currently functioning in a deficit
 - Frank reviewed proposed options for dues adjustment
 - Exec board will adjust the proposed dues schedules to increase top end contributions, create another low level tier to protect smallest districts, and increase second tier dues.

IX. 119th Congress and FY 25—FY 26 NAFIS Appropriations Ask

- A. Tom Schneider provided bulleted talking points
- B. Each committee generated their top talking points for Tom to share in the agenda for March and June

X. Committee Reports and Goals for Winter/Spring Meeting:

- A. . Mary Ticknor--Advocacy Committee
 1. ID'd 20 congressional offices that are not currently aware of who we are
 2. collaborate with messaging committee to prepare informational packets with personalized cover letter to leave with non-aware offices
 3. ID education staffers in congressional offices and ask volunteers to drop materials to these offices while already out advocating to get in hands of education staffers
 4. Between March and June, follow up emails with targeted offices and assess success or impact of increased outreach at the June meeting
- B.. Bob Reichert--Membership Committee
 1. prioritize action items including updating one-pager
 2. Encouraging non-member districts to join and help advocate
 3. Collaborate with messaging committee to connect with non-member districts to target influential congressional members
 4. Update website

5. Mentor program - reinstate this by connecting with new districts to help prepare them and gauge their interest
 6. Follow up invoices with districts who have not maintained their membership and contact with them
 7. Welcome letter to new districts to gauge interests
- C. Mark Cross--Messaging Committee
1. Update talking points with ideas inspired by Jayson's thoughts
 2. Update connection between 7002-7003
 3. Intentionally connect 7002 funding directly to students
 4. Hammer that we pre-date the department of education
 5. Will work with membership and advocacy to share our draft letter for congressional offices not currently aware of NAFIS and FIA.

XIV. Nominations for FLISA Extra Mile Award

- Tom Madden recommended by Kevin Feeney and his district is willing to pay Tom's travel expenses
- Recognize Tom Madden on Sunday at podium at NAFIS conference and rename the award the Tom Madden extra mile award with a golden microphone as a nod to his Karoke prowess
- Kevin will reach out to be sure Tom will be available to attend in March

C. XVI. Next FLISA Meeting Dates/Locations

- a. NAFIS Spring, 2025 Conference: Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill—Saturday, March 8th thru Wednesday, March 12th
 - a. Board meets on the 8th, conference starts on the 9th starting 6:00 pm
- b. FLISA Summer, 2025 Meeting—Hyatt Regency, Newport Beach, CA—June 19-20th—Registration Available January, 2025; Christine Walker says best place to fly into is John Wayne Airport
 1. Committee Work Thursday, June 19th—2PM-4PM
 2. Board Meeting Thursday, June 19th —4PM-6PM
 3. Membership Meeting Friday, June 20th—9AM-4PM
- c. NAFIS Fall 2025 Conference: Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill—Saturday, September 13st thru Wednesday, September 16th
- d. FLISA Winter, 2026 Meeting, Hyatt Regency Clearwater, Florida—January 29-30th—Registration Form Available June, 2025
 1. Committee Work Thursday, January 29th —2PM-4PM
 2. Board Meeting Thursday, January 29th —4PM-6PM
 3. Membership Meeting Friday, January 30th—9AM-4PM
- e. NAFIS Spring 2026 Conference: Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill--TBD
- f. FLISA Summer, 2026 Meeting—Park Place Hotel, Traverse City, MI—June 18-19th—Location TBD--Registration Available January, 2026
 1. Committee Work Thursday, June 18th—2PM-4PM
 2. Board Meeting Thursday, June 18th —4PM-6PM

3. Membership Meeting Friday, June 19th—9AM-4PM

g. FLISA Winter, 2027 Meeting, Hyatt Regency Clearwater, Florida—January 29-30th—
Registration Form Available June, 2026

1. Committee Work Thursday, February 4th —2PM-4PM

2. Board Meeting Thursday, February 4th —4PM-6PM

3. Membership Meeting Friday, February 5th—9AM-4PM

D. XVII. Action Items:

17-A. Approval of FLISA Fall Meeting Minutes

Wes Eversole

Brooke Hasel-Massieux seconded

motion passed unanimously

17-B. Appoint Members to the Budget Committee to prepare and present budget at
Summer, 2025 meeting

Jason Misner moved

Christine seconded

Motion passed unanimously

17-C. Approval of Donation to FISEF

[Craig Hutcheson](#)

John Cosner

Motion passed unanimously

17-D. Approval of Recognition of Tom Madden for The Extra

Kevin Feeney

Mark Naugle

Motion passed unanimously

17-E. Approve making change to dues structure to be presented to the membership as part of
the budget proposal for the March meeting - Mark N moved; Jason Misner seconded;
discussion Ann, Jerry, Cathie, Tom S., Christine W., Mark C. Motion passed unanimously

E. XVIII. Reception Reminder/Adjournment

Mark Cross moved

Wes Eversole seconded

Motion carried unanimously